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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. This office action, in response to the amendment filed 3/25/2004, is a final office action.

Response to Arguments

2. The previous objection to the drawings is withdrawn and the examiner approves the newly submitted drawings.
3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 and 9-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-6 and 9-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the instant application's disclosed prior art in view of Watanabe (US 6,044,104).

Regarding claims 1 and 24, the instant application's disclosed prior art discloses a WCDMA system (page 1, lines 3-7). WCDMA systems operate in wireless environments and transmit wireless signals from transmitter to receivers. It is inherent that these receivers comprise at least one antenna. The receiver will receive a plurality of frames wherein each frame comprises a plurality of slots (page 4, lines 6-14). The

time slots comprise symbols and the symbols comprise paths (page 4, lines 17-21). Circuitry is disclosed for correlating a primary synchronization code (page 4, lines 6-8). One or more paths within the evaluated time period are found to have relatively large PSC correlations and the positions of these paths are used to identify the timing of the incoming frames (page 4, lines 17-20 and figure 1). Continuing with the prior art, the user station defines a time slot window 10 shown in figure 1 and a search window 20, where typically search window 20 is a time period centered about a path P1 (page 5, lines 4-7 and figure 1). The receiver identifies a number of paths corresponding to the respective peak locations of spectrum 30, and those paths are then further processed so that diversity may be exploited toward recovering the actual symbols from the various paths such as combining those paths (page 5, lines 16-19). This search window is on the order of one-tenth the duration of the time slot window 10 (page 5, lines 7-9). The instant application's disclosed prior art does not disclose the search window is divided into a plurality of sub windows. Wantanabe discloses the search window is divided into a plurality of correlation search widths as shown in figure 2. Each of these correlation search widths is a "sub window". It would have been obvious of one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teaching of Wantanabe into the system of the instant application's disclosed prior art. This would allow for the system to carry out a fast cell search and reduce power consumption (Wantanabe, column 2, lines 52-57). Since the sub windows are shown in the same search window and a search window is comprised in one time slot, the sub windows are comprised within one time slot.

Regarding claims 2-4 and 25, a joint detector that includes a rake receiver and an equalizer function combines the various identified paths (page 5, lines 23-26). The rake receiver despreads the signal.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, the time slot consists of symbol information and the search window is on the order of one-tenth the duration of the time slot window 10 (page 5, lines 7-9).

Regarding claims 9, 17 and 26, a delay profile estimation is conducted across each sample position in each search window and the selected paths are selected in response to the delay profile estimation (page 5, lines 13-19).

Regarding claims 10-12, 18 and 27, the delay profile estimation correlates the primary synchronization code and the secondary synchronization code to identify the timing of incoming frames (page 4, lines 17-21) and identify unique base stations (page 4, lines 24-30).

Regarding claims 13, 19 and 28, the number of sample positions in the search window is less than the number of sample positions in the entire time slot window (figure 1).

Regarding claims 14-16, a joint detector that includes a rake receiver and an equalizer function combines the various identified paths (page 5, lines 23-26). The rake receiver despreads the signal.

Regarding claim 20, the frames comprise time division duplex frames (page 5, lines 22-26).

Regarding claim 21, the frames comprise frequency division duplex frames (page 5, lines 22-26).

Regarding claim 21, the receiver comprises a CDMA receiver (page 3, lines 1-27).

Regarding claim 23, the receiver comprises a WCDMA receiver (page 2, lines 3-20).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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